

REMARKS

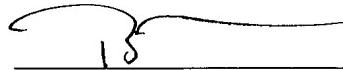
Claims 1 – 20 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, 15 and 18 have been amended.

Claims 1, 8 and 15 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 15, 20 and 31 of copending Application No. 10/767,845. Applicant has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to overcome the rejection and expedite allowance of the present application.

Applicant submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-62301.

Respectfully submitted,



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